

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants have carefully considered this application in connection with the Notice of Allowance and Examiner's Amendment and respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 9-10 and 18-19 were withdrawn by the Examiner as directed to non-elected species. (*See* Office Action mailed June 18, 2007.) In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner makes an amendment cancelling claims 9-10 and 18-19 though each of these dependent Claims depend from one of allowed independent Claims 1 and 15. As per MPEP § 821.04(a), dependent claims meeting the conditions of claims 9-10 and 18-19 are entitled to be rejoined and the restriction requirement to be removed. As such, as discussed with the Examiner, the Applicants respectfully request reinstatement of the cancelled 9-10 and 18-19 under these circumstances.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a new Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-10, 14-19, 23 and 25.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,
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